

# The National Catholic Bioethics Center

*Defending the Dignity of the Human Person in Healthcare and the Life Sciences since 1972*

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Friends,

The National Catholic Bioethics Center is fielding questions from Catholics nationwide seeking answers regarding the ethics surrounding the COVID-19 vaccinations being manufactured by some of the top pharmaceutical companies in the world.

Unfortunately, abortion-derived cell lines have either directly or indirectly been used to produce these life saving vaccinations. While the World is pleased we are moving towards providing vaccines for everyone, the ethical problem of a connection with the horror of abortion remains.

That's why we are making this letter available to you to voice the concerns of faithful Catholics everywhere that we should never tolerate the use of abortion-derived cell lines in medicine.

A copy of the text is here:

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**Dear**

**I am (or We are) writing to thank you for the outstanding work \_\_\_\_\_ (company) has done in vaccine research and development. I, along with millions of Americans, appreciate and support your ongoing efforts to develop effective, safe and widely available vaccines against serious, potentially fatal infectious diseases.**

**However, I -- along with many Americans -- must also strenuously object to the unethical and unnecessary use of tissue, cells, or cell lines derived from voluntary abortions or human embryos in vaccine design, development or production.**

**While many will consent to receiving such morally tainted vaccines for the common good, we do so under duress due to their association with the exploitation of innocent human life, no matter how remote.**

**As a nation, we must all work to restore the fundamental principle that the dignity of every human life must be defended from its inception to natural death. This duty is particularly significant for the pharmaceutical industry, whose mission is to safeguard life and health without compromising fundamental ethical standards.**

**I implore you to work expeditiously toward the goal of developing safe and effective vaccines for the welfare of all without human exploitation and thereby avoid placing anyone in the position of having to choose between being vaccinated against a serious disease or violating his or her conscience.**

**Sincerely**

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The following are directions in which you can submit these letters:

### Contact Links

1. Pfizer: <https://www.pfizer.com/contact/email?inquiry=General+Company+Information>  
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3. AstraZeneca: <https://www.astrazeneca-us.com/contact-us/product-information.html>
4. Johnson and Johnson: <https://www.ccc-consumercarecenter.com/UCUConfiguration?id=a0758000004NIaL>

We hope you submit these letters and make your voices heard. Change begins with us, and Catholics everywhere must speak up for the innocent lives who continually suffer in unethical medical procedures.

God bless you,

The Ethicists of The National Catholic Bioethics Center